

Amendments to the Claims

18-31. Cancelled

32. (Previously presented) A method for producing oil treated cellulose fibers comprising:

- 5        Providing a wet laid sheet of cellulose fibers;  
      Applying oil to the wet laid sheet of cellulose fibers to produce an oil treated wet laid sheet of cellulose fibers; and  
      Fiberizing the oil treated wet laid sheet of cellulose fibers.

10       33. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the oil comprises of triglyceride.

34. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein oil is a fatty acid.

35. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the oil is olive oil, soybean oil, safflower oil, cotton seed oil, linseed oil, tongue oil, castrol oil, coconut oil, canola oil, corn oil, or jojoba oil.

15       36. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the oil is a saturated or unsaturated alkane, alkene, alkyne, cycloalkane, cycloalkene, cycloalkyne, or combinations thereof.

37. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the oil is selected from the group consisting of mineral oil, hexadecane, squalane, and squalene.

20       38. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 32, wherein the cellulose fibers are wood pulp fibers.